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SUBJECT: VOLTAN ARMS PURCHASES IN FRANCE

1. AT FRG EMBASSY RECEPTION LAST NIGHT, FRENCH AMBASSADOR BLANC TOLD ME CATEGORICALLY THAT GOF HAD APPROVED ALL VOLTAN REQUESTS FOR EXPORT OF RIFLES AND AMMUNITIONS, BUT HAD WITHHELD DECISION ON EXPORT OF LIGHT ARMORED CARS ON GROUNDS THAT FRENCH PRODUCTION OF SUCH ITEMS WAS LIMITED AND THAT FRANCE HAD TO CONSIDER NEEDS OF ITS OWN ARMED FORCES BEFORE APPROVING SALES TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES. HE DID NOT DISCLOSE QUANTITIES INVOLVED.

2. BLANC ALSO SAID THAT FRANCE WOULD NOT PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ARMS TO MALI WHICH HAD RECEIVED AN IMPORTANT SHIPMENT OF FRENCH ARMS LAST NOVEMBER JUST BEFORE THE OUTBREAK OF THE BORDER INCIDENTS BETWEEN MALI AND UPPER VOLTA.
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